

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL, DECEMBER 20, 1893.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
H. W. ROKKER, STATE PRINTER AND BINDER.
1893.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WILLIAM H. GREEN.....	1897.....	Cairo.
E. A. GASTMAN.....	1897.....	Decatur.
E. R. E. KIMBROUGH.....	1897.....	Danville.
CHARLES L. CAPEN.....	1897.....	Bloomington.
EDWARD DOOCY.....	1897.....	Pittsfield.
ELLA F. YOUNG.....	1895.....	Chicago.
MATTHEW BRADY.....	1895.....	Chicago.
LYON KARR.....	1895.....	Eureka.
P. R. WALKER.....	1895.....	Rockford.
CHARLES I. PARKER.....	1899.....	Chicago.
FORREST F. COOK.....	1899.....	Galesburg.
ALLAN W. STOLP.....	1899.....	Aurora.
CLINTON ROSETTE.....	1899.....	DeKalb.
J. L. BAILY.....	1899.....	Macomb.
HENRY RAAB (<i>ex-officio</i>).	1895.....	Springfield.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

WILLIAM H. GREEN.....	President.
HENRY RAAB.....	Secretary.
FRANK D. MARQUIS.....	Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing and Finance.....	Doocy, Stolp, Capen.
Buildings and Grounds.....	Capen, Karr, Gastman.
Text Books and Course of Instruction.....	Raab, Young, Kimbrough.
Teachers and Salaries.....	Walker, Cook, Rosette.
Training School.....	Gastman, Parker, Rosette.
Museum of Natural History and Libraries.....	Brady, Baily, Karr.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading, amending and adopting minutes.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Report of the President of the Normal University.
 4. Treasurer's report.
 5. Reports of special committees.
 6. Reports of standing committees, in their order.
 7. Communications.
 8. Motions and resolutions.
 9. Unfinished business.
 10. General business.
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Next meeting of the Board will be held June 20, 1894.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS.

NORMAL, ILL., December 20, 1893.

The Board of Education met in the library of the University at 9 A. M., the President, William H. Green, in the chair.

All the members of the Board were present except Messrs. Brady, Baily, Cook and Stolp.

The printed minutes of the meeting, June 21, 1893, were approved.

The President of the Normal University presented and read the following report:

The Honorable Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Mr. President and Members of the Board:—The attendance for the term now closing is as follows:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Ladies	286
Gentlemen.....	134
Total.....	420

HIGH SCHOOL.

Ladies	56
Gentlemen.....	71
Total.....	127

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Girls	46
Boys	63
Total.....	109

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Girls	27
Boys	31
Total.....	58

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Girls.....	53	
Boys.....	41	
Total.....		94

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

Normal department.....	420	
Model department.....	388	
Total.....		808

The following table shows the attendance by counties for the term:

Adams.....	1	McDonough.....	7
Alexander.....	1	McHenry.....	9
Boone.....	1	*McLean.....	24
Brown.....	2	Macon.....	19
Bureau.....	1	Macoupin.....	7
Carroll.....	1	Madison.....	4
Cass.....	2	Marion.....	1
Champaign.....	8	Marshall.....	4
Christian.....	8	Mason.....	6
Clark.....	2	Mercer.....	5
Clinton.....	3	Montgomery.....	2
Coles.....	11	Morgan.....	3
Cook.....	3	Moultrie.....	2
DeKalb.....	5	Ogle.....	2
DeWitt.....	2	Peoria.....	2
Douglas.....	4	Perry.....	7
DuPage.....	1	Platt.....	4
Edgar.....	11	Pike.....	3
Edwards.....	2	Pope.....	5
Ford.....	12	Putnam.....	1
Franklin.....	1	Randolph.....	2
Fulton.....	6	Richland.....	9
Gallatin.....	2	Rock Island.....	2
Greene.....	3	Sangamon.....	13
Grundy.....	5	Schuyler.....	1
Hamilton.....	1	Scott.....	1
Hancock.....	5	Shelby.....	12
Henderson.....	1	Stark.....	9
Henry.....	5	St. Clair.....	15
Iroquois.....	1	Stephenson.....	0
Jefferson.....	2	Tazewell.....	1
Jersey.....	1	Union.....	9
Jo Daviess.....	4	Vermilion.....	4
Kane.....	3	Warren.....	1
Kankakee.....	5	Wayne.....	1
Kendall.....	9	Whiteside.....	1
Knox.....	2	Will.....	6
Lake.....	2	Winnebago.....	1
LaSalle.....	4	Woodford.....	14
Lee.....	5		
Livingston.....	5	Total.....	384
Logan.....	2		

THE ENTERING CLASS.

The whole number of persons applying for admission this term in the Normal Department is 236.

The following table shows the mode of admission:

	Women.	Men.	Total.
By appointment of County Superintendent.....	53	18	71
By High School or College diploma.....	45	10	55
By first grade certificate.....	3	2	5
By promotion from the Model School.....	11	2	13
By examination.....	45	22	67
Total admitted.....	157	54	211
Rejected.....	15	10	25
Total applicants.....	172	64	236

* 32 additional students were from McLean county and paid tuition at the rate of \$1 per week.

The 211 students admitted include eighteen (18) students from McLean county, admitted on payment of tuition at the rate of thirty-nine (39) dollars per year.

Students admitted to free tuition are from the following counties:

Adams	1	Logan	2
Brown	1	McDonough	1
Bureau	1	McHenry	7
Carroll	1	McLean	1
Cass	1	Macon	10
Champaign	4	Macoupin	8
Christian	2	Madison	4
Clark	1	Marshall	1
Clinton	1	Mason	2
Cook	2	Mercer	3
Coles	4	Montgomery	3
DeKalb	1	Morgan	2
DeWitt	1	Moultrie	3
Douglas	1	Peoria	2
DuPage	1	Perry	1
Edgar	4	Piatt	5
Edwards	2	Pike	2
Ford	4	Pope	2
Franklin	1	Putnam	1
Fulton	2	Richland	1
Greene	3	Rock Island	5
Grundy	3	Sangamon	7
Hancock	2	Schuyler	1
Henderson	1	Scott	1
Henry	4	Shelby	4
Iroquois	1	St. Clair	16
Jefferson	2	Stephenson	3
Jo Daviess	1	Tazewell	7
Kane	1	Vermilion	6
Kendall	2	Warren	2
Knox	1	Wayne	1
Lake	1	Whiteside	1
LaSalle	3	Will	3
Lee	2	Woodford	5
Livingston	4	Other States	

By comparing these numbers with the attendance for the corresponding term of last year, you will discover a falling off. The hard times have diminished the attendance in nearly all educational institutions. Our Normal Department has been abundantly large, however, and the work has been far more satisfactory than when we were excessively crowded.

In consequence of our smaller numbers there has been a reduction in our tuition receipts. We shall need to practice careful economy for the remainder of the year. Prof. Colton has asked for \$100 less in his department and I have recommended an appropriation of \$400 less than usual for the Contingent and Library Funds. Having anticipated our resources in making extended repairs, we shall suffer some inconvenience until the entire appropriation for that purpose becomes available. As our bill provided for a gross amount and we receive only one-eighth of the whole amount quarterly, it will be seen that we must exercise a certain degree of patience.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

We shall have little or no balance at the end of this quarter. Our income for the rest of the year will be about as follows:

Appropriation	\$15,746 78
Rents	225 00
Tuition	5,000 00
Total	\$20,971 78

The expenses for the same period will be as follows:

Salaries.....	\$19,950 00
Other expenses about.....	1,500 00
Total.....	\$21,450 00

Unless our tuition accounts shall be larger than I am now anticipating there will be a small deficit at the end of the year. This will be made up very easily when the second half of our appropriation becomes available. We have completed three-fourths of the repairs contemplated, but at the end of the year we shall have received but half of the amount appropriated for that purpose.

The members of the Board will not fail to note the improved condition of our buildings and grounds. It is hoped that the future will see them still further improved and that we shall never again be so limited in our resources as to be obliged to see them suffer from unavoidable neglect.

THE WORK OF THE TERM

Has gone on very pleasantly. The classes have not been too large and we have been able to give to all of our pupils a fair degree of personal attention. There have been comparatively few cases of sickness. I regret, however, to be obliged to report the death of one of our most capable and most admirable young women. Miss May McGuire, of Metamora, Woodford Co., died on Thanksgiving morning after a comparatively brief illness from scarlet fever. She was the only one of our students afflicted with this dread disease.

THE FACULTY

The Board will regret to learn of the resignation of Professor Reeder, which has been handed to the Committee on Teachers and Salaries. An eastern manufacturing firm has offered him inducements which he does not feel at liberty to decline. He entered the faculty as principal of the Grammar School at the beginning of the school year of 1883-4. In September, 1890, he was promoted to the position of training teacher in the Intermediate Department. In January, 1891, he took charge of the reading work in the Normal Department. He has also acted as my assistant in the second year Psychology, and has instructed the class in Elementary Pedagogy. In Professor Reeder's withdrawal from the profession of teaching, the State loses one of its most valuable servants, and education one of its most intelligent and practical promoters. His work has not been confined to this institution. I hazard nothing in saying that there is not to-day in Illinois a more acceptable institute worker. The demand for this kind of service far exceeds the time at his disposal.

The new ideas in education have found in him a rational interpreter, who blends the elements of conservatism and radicalism in a rare sort of way. Having got so fairly started in working out the educational problem, it seems nothing short of a misfortune to see him abandon this field of activity for another. He feels that his duty to his family, if not to himself, justifies him in his decision.

As soon as he fully determined to tender his resignation, I communicated with the Chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries. At his suggestion I visited two points for the purpose of ascertaining what I could with respect to two men, both of whom have attracted no little attention in the particular field that we are cultivating.

After much counsel and deliberation, I advised the Committee to tender the position to Dr. C. C. Van Liew, of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Dr. Van Liew was formerly principal of schools in one of the suburban towns of Chicago. Determining to specialize in Pedagogy, he went to Germany, and after three years of study received the degree of Ph.D. from

Jena. For five semesters he worked in the practice school of that university under the supervision of the eminent Dr. Rein. Shortly after his return he was employed by the State Normal School at St. Cloud.

The Committee having unanimously approved my recommendation, I tendered the position to Dr. Van Liew, subject to the approval of the Board. I have received from him assurances that he will accept the position. I feel that some acknowledgment is due to President Carhart, of the State Normal School at St. Cloud, Minn., and also to Mr. Mitchell, the resident member of the Normal School Board, for the consideration which they manifested to Dr. Van Liew in releasing him for a better position, and to this institution for the generosity with which they submitted to the serious inconvenience of filling a place in the middle of the year.

A TWO YEARS' COURSE.

For some time the Faculty has been considering the advisability of adopting a two years' course to which graduates of certain High Schools should be admitted upon their diplomas, and others upon suitable examination. These High Schools should be designated by a committee of the Board, by the Faculty, or by joint action. As is common in such cases, the designation should be for a term of years, to be renewed if the pupils are found to be satisfactory. I have submitted to the Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction a statement of the conclusions reached by the faculty. We hope that the Board will approve the suggestion therein made.

AN ANNUAL INSTITUTE.

A second project has also been receiving considerable attention, and the Faculty, by a unanimous vote, recommends that the matter be submitted to the Board for its consideration.

We have had many requests from time to time for the organization of a summer school. It has not seemed expedient, however, to recommend such a move. We have concluded, instead, if it is in harmony with the wishes of this honorable body, to offer a session of three weeks, beginning May 21, 1894. The large hall in the third story is available for such a purpose, and the members of the Faculty are willing to assume the added work. It is understood that no charge of any kind will be made for instruction.

It is believed that many who cannot now avail themselves of the advantages offered by the institution would thus be enabled to derive very considerable benefits. Most of the schools have closed for the year before the date mentioned, and I am confident that a large number of teachers might be induced to come here for a session of the length suggested.

NORMAL SCHOOL EXTENSION.

In these times of university extension I am asked quite frequently why we do not attempt a similar extension of our normal school work. My answer always is, that we have been doing that kind of extension for many years. The work done in various parts of the State by the members of the Faculty has undoubtedly contributed very largely to our attendance. This has been demonstrated in many cases. Pupils come flocking in from the counties in which our teachers work during the summer institutes. But this work is also having a marked influence in other respects. While the summer meetings are more largely attended, the smaller meetings held in various localities, during the school year, are quite as influential, probably, in promoting the cause of education. These consist quite frequently in round table conferences. Whatever conclusions are reached at such meetings are practically applied, and often in large systems of schools. The work that this institution has done along this line cannot easily be estimated. I think, however, that it is possible for

us to organize our forces in such a way as to do far more work of this kind, and to do it more methodically, and yet without any loss to the effectiveness of our regular work. This is a problem to which we shall give early attention.

THE LIBRARY.

We are gradually developing our Library. Our purchases are made from time to time as our necessities seem to appear. By this method we are enabled to secure such books as will be of the greatest practical utility. The circulation for the term is 7,537 volumes. Three years ago I reported as the entire circulation for the term about 1,500 volumes. You will see that the present report shows an increase of 400 per cent. although our school is about the same size. It seems to me that this increase is highly gratifying. Since our attendance this term in all departments has been a little over 800, it will be seen that the average pupil, including all grades from the first primary up through the High School and Normal School, has taken out about nine books during the term.

THE PEDAGOGICAL CLUB.

At the beginning of this year we organized our Faculty Club, which has been in existence for many years, upon a new basis. Having at hand a means of communication with large numbers of teachers, in the Public School Journal, we have endeavored to extend the influence of our Club beyond the Faculty of the institution. Non-residents may become members of the Club and may derive material advantage from its deliberations through correspondence. The more advanced students are also admitted to membership and are thus enabled to come into more immediate relations with the Faculty. The work upon which we are at present engaged is the arrangement of a course in science teaching adapted to all the grades of the Public School. We hope to reach some conclusions that will be of practical value to the schools of Illinois.

THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

In accordance with arrangements made with the Illinois Board of World's Fair Commissioners, we prepared an exhibit of our work. It was admirably displayed in a series of eight cases furnished by that Board and costing about \$1,250.

The exhibit was very advantageously located and was visited by an immense throng of people. It was under the charge of one of our students, Mr. John A. Keith.

At the close of the Exposition the Board offered the cases to the institution, but I did not deem it wise to accept all of them. I ordered four of them sent down. They have not yet reached here. Two of them will be placed in the new building, and the others in the main building.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COOK,
President.

On motion of Mr. Raab, this report was submitted in its details to the various committees of the Board.

The Treasurer presented his semi-annual report of the finances of the University, which was referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., December 19, 1893.

To the Honorable Board of Education of the State of Illinois.

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:—The last statement of your Treasurer, June 20, 1893, showed a balance of \$1,106.39, since which time \$19,741.87 has been received and receipted for as follows; viz.,

To the State Treasurer, for the July and October installments of the appropriation for the expenses of the University, \$15,746.78; to President John W. Cook, for tuition account, \$3,487.55; for old fence, \$50.60; for furniture account, \$11.75; and for rent account, \$320.19; and to F. Fisher, for part payment for a lot, \$125.

These receipts, with the balance of June 20, 1893, make a total of \$20,848.26. The expenditures are shown by forty-three vouchers, which vouchers are returned herewith, and amount to \$21,015.77, exceeding the receipts by \$167.51. A statement in detail is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. MARQUIS,

Treasurer.

F. D. MARQUIS, *Treasurer,*

In account with the

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

		Dr.		
1893.				
June	20	To balance		\$1,106 39
July	6	State Treasurer	\$7,873 39	
September	30	Cook, John W., tuition	1,398 50	
October	7	State Treasurer	7,873 39	
November	4	Fisher, F., part payment for lot	125 00	
	11	Cook, John W., tuition	150 00	
	18	" " " "	630 15	
	21	" " " "	395 00	
	22	" " " " old fence	50 60	
	22	" " " " old furniture	6 50	
December	1	" " " " tuition	871 15	
	2	" " " " rent, \$222.53; tuition, \$7.00	229 53	
	18	" " " " tuition	85 75	
	18	" " " " old furniture	5 25	
	18	" " " " rent, Home Nursery	97 66	
		To balance		19,741 87
				167 51
				<u>\$21,015 77</u>
		Cr.—By Vouchers,		
Number.				
2,006	Karr, Lyon	\$5 00		
7	Green, W. H.	24 00		
8	Young, Ella F.	9 00		
9	Parker, Charles I.	13 00		
10	Walker, P. R.	17 00		
11	Dooey, Edward	11 00		
12	Gastman, E. A.	10 00		
13	Stolp, Allan W.	13 00		
14	Rosette, Clinton	19 65		
15	Cook, Forrest F.	8 00		
16	Raab, Henry	6 00		
17	Cook, John W.	700 00		
18	" " " "	400 00		
19	Colton, B. P.	300 00		
20	Stewart, Watson	30 00		
21	Thompson, J. R.	80 00		
22	Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co.	470 00		
23	Loudon, R.	59 06		
24	Ewing, Jas. S.	393 95		
25	Public School Publishing Co.	58 33		
26	Morrison, F.	99 23		
27	Western Bank Note and Engraving Co.	85 00		
28	McLean County Coal Co.	715 89		
29	The Vidette	53 00		
30	Merker & Patten	125 40		
31	Cook, John W.	200 00		
32	" " " "	2,406 58		
33	" " " "	2,466 68		
34	Jackson, W. H.	33 00		
35	Jackson, T. H.	81 00		
36	Cook, John W.	2,868 92		
37	Duff, Robert	12 00		
38	Thomas, Samuel	2 85		
39	Fagerburg, A. I.	760 00		
40	Valentine, Samuel	4 00		

Number.			
2,041	Cunningham & Kofoid.....	\$44 24	
42	Bloomington Bulletin.....	19 05	
43	Weldon, L. H.....	4 00	
44	Cook, John W.....	2,877 06	
45	Stewart, Watson.....	34 95	
46	Morrison, Frank.....	336 20	
47	Ellis & Helfenberger.....	2,222 72	
48	Cook, John W.....	2,877 01	
			\$21,015 77
1893. December 18	By balance (overdrawn)		\$167 51

Mr. William McKinley, a representative of Mr. J. C. Glenn, was given permission to address the Board with regard to the purchase of the Jackson county lands and the alleged failure of the title to some of them.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred claim of S. F. Parsons, principal of the Grammar School, for relief in the matter of moneys collected by him as such principal for tuition, would respectfully report:

We have carefully examined into the facts pertaining to said laws, and find that from the time Schureman's bank was started in Normal or thereabouts, it has been the custom of the heads of the departments of the University to deposit in that bank tuition moneys collected from time to time pending settlement with the President of the University of such accounts. This custom has grown up as a matter of convenience without any authority of the Board therefor. The Treasurer of the Board lives in Bloomington, and it is not practicable for the teachers to make frequent settlements with him. Schureman's bank enjoyed, up to the time of its failure, high credit among the business men and citizens of Normal and vicinity. Before Mr. Parson deposited any moneys he made careful inquiry as to the financial responsibility of the bank, and found its reputation was high. He also examined Dun's and Bradstreet's reports and found the bank rated high in them. He deposited this money the same as his predecessors had done, and as had been done by the other heads of departments of the University. He deposited in the name of S. F. Parson, Treasurer.

We are of the opinion that, subject to the approval of the Governor, it is just and equitable that Mr. Parson be relieved of this loss, but with the distinct understanding that this action, if taken by the Board, shall not be considered a precedent in future cases. We recommend that no voucher for this amount be issued until the Governor has been first made aware of all the facts and approves the re-payment of the money. All dividends upon the amount in question should be paid to the Treasurer of the Board. We further recommend that no moneys belonging to the Board shall hereafter be deposited in any bank, but shall be paid either to the President of the institution or to the Treasurer, and that all the heads of the different schools be prohibited under any circumstances from otherwise disposing of or depositing any funds belonging to the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

December 18, 1893.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHAS. L. CAPEN,

Committee.

Mr. Karr moved the adoption of this report. Mr. Rosette seconded the motion, and on a call of the ayes and noes it was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Gastman, Kim-

brough, Capen, Doocy, Parker, Rosette, Raab and Mrs. Young. Noes—Messrs. Green, Karr and Walker. Absent—Messrs. Brady, Cook, Stolp and Baily.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance would respectfully report that we have examined the report of F. D. Marquis, Treasurer, for the half year ending December 18, 1893, with accompanying vouchers. We find the report correct and all credits claimed by said Treasurer fully covered by said vouchers. We respectfully recommend that said report be approved.

We present said report and vouchers herewith.

December 20, 1893.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHAS. L. CAPEN,
Committee.

On motion of Mr. Rosette, this report was adopted.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee having in charge the matter of the bond from Frank D. Marquis would respectfully report, that upon the 19th day of July, 1893, said Marquis presented the chairman of this committee with his official bond in a penal sum of \$25,000, executed by himself as principal, and Peter Whitmer, Lyman Ferre, H. M. Senseney as sureties. Your committee report that they believe said bond to be in due form, and that each of said sureties is pecuniarily responsible to the full amount of said penal sum. They recommend that said bond be approved by the Board.

We present the said bond herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

December 18, 1893.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHAS. L. CAPEN,
Committee.

The following reports were presented by the Committee on Auditing and Finance and adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Green, Gastman, Kimbrough, Capen, Loocy, Karr, Walker, Parker, Rosette, Raab and Mrs. Young. Noes—None. Absent—Messrs. Brady, Baily, Cook and Stolp.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of President John W. Cook as to expenditures and receipts under the Contingent Fund, begs leave to report that we have examined said report and the accompanying vouchers, showing receipts from all sources of \$701.64, and expenditures \$697.61, leaving \$4.03 balance on hand. We find said report correct and all credits claimed properly covered by vouchers. We recommend that said report be approved, and that the Board appropriate \$500 for contingent expenses of the next six months.

December 18, 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
Committee.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Natural Science Fund, begs leave to report that they have examined said report with accompanying vouchers, showing receipts from all sources of \$300.73, and expenditures of \$292.14, leaving balance on hand of \$8.59. We find said report correct, and recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to this fund for the next six months.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHAS. L. CAPEN,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Library Fund, begs leave to report that they have examined the report showing receipts from all sources of \$403.04, and expenditures of \$395.46, leaving balance on hand of \$7.58. They have examined the report with accompanying vouchers, and find it correct. They recommend that it be approved, and also recommend that the Board make an appropriation of \$200 for library purposes for the next six months.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

December 18, 1893.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHAS. L. CAPEN,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Raab, seconded by Mr. Walker, these reports were adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Green, Gastman, Kimbrough, Capen, Doocy, Karr, Walker, Rosette, Raab and Mrs. Young. Noes—None. Absent—Messrs. Brady, Bailly, Cook and Stolp.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance would respectfully report as to the bill of Robert Loudon for \$140.88, presented herewith, that said bill, as presented, is not specific and we are unable to decide as to whether or not some of the items in it are correct and reasonable. We recommend that said bill be referred to the President of the University with instructions to inquire as to its correctness, and that an order issue, upon his report and examination, for said bill or such part of it as he shall find correct. We attach said bill hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHAS. L. CAPEN,

Committee.

December 18, 1893.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds would respectfully report that under the authority given by the Board at its last meeting they contracted with Messrs. Ellis & Helfinberger, of Indianapolis, Ind., for the construction of an iron fence around the University ground, including the triangular piece cut off by the Bloomington City Railway, at the rate of twenty-eight cents a foot. This was done after advertising for bids and was the lowest and best bid. The cost of the fence, including thirty-one gallons of paint, at \$1 per gallon, retained by the Board for other

uses, and \$15 for extra posts and work, was \$2,222.72. Of this amount \$446.48, being for 1,596 feet upon the two sides of the right of way of the Bloomington City Railway, is to be paid by the latter, and it has promised to pay it, but has not yet done so.

Your committee further report that under like order of the Board, it has had the entire outside brick and wood work of the main building of the University painted and lined at a cost of \$760. The contract for doing this work was made with A. T. Fagerburg after advertising for bids. This amount has been paid.

Your committee further report that during the summer the heating apparatus and pipes of the main building were thoroughly overhauled and repaired by Frank Morrison. Owing to the nature of this work, it seemed impracticable to call for bids as it was impossible to tell in advance just what would be required. Mr. Morrison's bill amounting to \$396.20 has seemed to your committee to be reasonable and just and has been paid.

Your committee further report that since the last meeting of the Board it has contracted with Mr. Thomas Sylvester for a cistern for use in connection with the heating apparatus and engine house. The cistern has been made and contains about 230 barrels. The price agreed upon for this was \$100, which has not yet been paid.

Your committee further report that it has attended to the cutting of superfluous trees and trimming of others upon the University campus. This has been done, in the opinion of your committee, in a cautious and conservative manner. There are probably other trees that should be removed, but we recommend nothing further be done in that line at present.

Your committee further reports that under the supervision of your committee, Messrs. Augustine & Co. have been authorized to construct a fence around the University farm, or such part of it as is occupied by them under a lease. The arrangement is that the Board shall pay for the necessary material and Messrs. Augustine & Co. to pay for the cost of construction. This work is not yet completed and your committee are at present unable to say what the cost to the Board will be. Messrs. Augustine & Co. are to pay for the material and have the amount credited upon the amount due from them under their lease.

Your committee contracted with the McLean Coal Co. under advertised bids for the year's coal at \$2.00 a ton to be delivered as called for.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. L. CAPEN,
LYON KARR,
E. A. GASTMAN,
Committee.

December 18, 1893.

On motion of Mr. Karr, this report was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Green, Gastman, Kimbrough, Capen, Doocy, Karr, Walker, Parker, Rosette, Raab and Mrs. Young. Noes—None. Absent—Messrs. Brady, Baily, Cook and Stolp.

The Committee on Text-books and Course of Instruction presented the following resolutions, and moved their adoption:

Resolved, That a course of study to cover not more than two years' time, to which graduates of accredited High Schools, or those having qualifications equal thereto, shall be arranged, and that the diploma of this institution be awarded to those who complete the said course of study to the satisfaction of the faculty.

Resolved, That a Teachers' Institute, open to all teachers of this State, shall be held in University Hall for the term of three weeks, from May 21, 1894, and that the instructors at such institute shall be the members

of the Normal Faculty, who shall serve without extra pay. The course of instruction at such institute to be arranged by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the President of the Normal University.

HENRY RAAB,
E. R. E. KIMBROUGH,
ELLA F. YOUNG,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Parker, these resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Teachers and Salaries presented the following report:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries begs leave to recommend the following:

That we accept the resignation of Prof. R. R. Reeder. That Dr. C. C. Van Liew, of St. Cloud, Minn., be appointed Professor of Reading and Assistant in Pedagogy and Psychology for the remainder of the present school year, on trial, with a salary at the rate of \$1,700 per year.

P. R. WALKER,
CLINTON ROSETTE.

Mr. Gastman moved this report be adopted, and it was so ordered by the Board.

The committee, to which had been referred the claim of Mr. Bakewell, reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your special committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Edwin W. Bakewell, to reconvey to him the forty-acre tract of land he conveyed to the Board as a donation in 1857, would respectfully beg leave to report:

That your committee met on September 27, 1893, at which time Mr. Bakewell appeared in his own behalf and Mr. John T. Lillard appeared in opposition to the allowance of the claim. Before commencing the investigation your committee stated to Mr. Bakewell that the committee would be willing to recommend to the Board to enter into an agreement with him to submit the entire question to any circuit court of the State, with as little delay and expense as possible, such circuit court to hear and decide the case upon its intrinsic merits; that no technical considerations on either side should be allowed to affect the decree, and that the Board expressly waive all such defences as the statute of limitations, State claim, or any other defence not pertaining strictly to the justice of the claim—with the right of appeal to either party. Much to the regret of your committee, Mr. Bakewell refused to entertain the proposition.

We then went into the investigation of the case, giving Mr. Bakewell all the time he desired, devoting nearly the entire day to that end.

The first ground urged by Mr. Bakewell was that his donation was to a university; that the Normal School is not a university, and hence that the object of his gift failed, and the land should be restored to him. Upon this point the act of the Legislature establishing the institution expressly defines its scope and object. This scope and object as thus defined has been from the beginning, and is now being faithfully carried out. We are unable to see any merit in the claim under this head.

The principal ground urged is that the land is claimed to have been given for the express purpose, and was so accepted at the meeting of the Board, when first organized at Peoria, on May 7, 1857, that this land should be devoted to the establishment of an experimental station for the study of practical agricultural chemistry in the field; that it never has

been so devoted, nor has such study ever been pursued here, and that, therefore, the implied provision never having been complied with, the land, in equity and good conscience, should revert to the donor.

This land has never been used for such a purpose, nor has the institution ever taught that subject, although chemistry has been taught. So the matter hinges, except as to the consideration hereinafter stated, upon the facts as to the donation itself.

The facts as to this so far as presented to us, or we are able to ascertain, are as follows:

Mr. Bakewell first signed, on a subscription paper, containing the names of other donors, an agreement to convey this land, with some stipulation attached to his subscription paper in regard to the teaching of experimental agricultural chemistry. This paper either was lost or intentionally destroyed either before or very soon after the first meeting of the Board on May 7, 1857, but the contents of the paper are substantially proved. The date of this writing cannot be ascertained, but it was before April 26, 1857.

At the time these subscriptions were being taken, Peoria was also a competitor for the school. That city and Bloomington each kept the amounts subscribed carefully concealed from each other. But about two weeks prior to the time of the organization of the Board, Mr. Jesse W. Fell, the most active worker in the interest of our present location, discovered such facts as to lead him to suspect that the aggregate of subscriptions in Peoria was greater than in McLean county. He redoubled his efforts in getting additional subscriptions and the committee in charge further undertook to put all then existing subscriptions into the most binding and legal form.

No one was more interested in this than Mr. Bakewell. This forty acre tract was part of his farm of 360 acres. The part remaining after the gift of forty acres, was expected to increase in value many fold by the location of the University, and the result verified that expectation. He was more interested than any other man in assisting to carry out Mr. Fell's plan. In the absence of positive proof to the contrary, neither the then Board nor his co-subscribers could in any case have inferred any other motive or purpose. Other subscribers increased their subscriptions, or changed the terms of them to more onerous ones. From all the facts and circumstances before us, we think they had the right to believe, and to act upon the belief that Mr. Bakewell was acting in a similar manner, and for the same reason.

Eleven days before the meeting, Mr. Bakewell put his subscription into the form of a bond for a deed, in which nothing whatever was said about agricultural chemistry. The only condition in this bond being that the institution should be located at or near its present site.

We are satisfied the Board of Education never heard of or saw the original subscription paper. If any reliance had been placed upon this, it seems unaccountable that the records of that meeting should not show something about it, both as to Mr. Bakewell's gift and the subscriptions of the other donors upon it. On the contrary, the records of that meeting show that the bond for a deed was before the Board, and is copied in full in its minutes. The Secretary of that meeting makes a report certifying all subscriptions and the forms in which they were made. This certificate shows the bond of Mr. Bakewell and nothing else from him. We do not know the name of any other subscriber on this subscription paper. But it is unreasonable to suppose that any subscription was overlooked, or that any does not appear in the report of the Board. The report does show promissory notes, deeds, bonds for deeds and other obligations, which were certainly so made for the reason we have given; some of them almost certainly originally upon that paper.

It seems as nearly certain as anything of the kind can be that this subscription paper was never presented to the Board at all. No trace of it

is found from before the date of the meeting. But, if it had been presented, there is no doubt the bond was also present, and this, being of later date and a much more formal instrument, would reasonably have been supposed to be the final form of Mr. Bakewell's gift.

Besides, the charter, by implication, prohibits the teaching of this subject. The consideration of the bond is \$3,000.00. The land, with the Normal school where it is, was probably worth that amount; without such location it was not worth over \$1,000.00, or thereabouts. To have established an experimental station would subject the Board to an annual expenditure of nearly the outside valuation. It is doubtful if such an adjunct to a normal school exists. Therefore, the Board could not have done otherwise than to have rejected this gift, had it been offered as now claimed.

The only evidence that the Board ever saw this subscription paper is that of Gen. Hovey, one of the charter members, who said many years afterward that such was the case. But he has since stated that he was mistaken in this regard. Every other member whose statements or testimony we have seen expressly denies this.

Mr. Bakewell testifies that he intended to include this provision in the bond and supposed he had done so. His attorney, Judge Reeves, who wrote the bond, says he is wholly unable to give any reason why it was omitted. But whether this omission was intentional or unintentional can make no difference in morals or law. If the Board had no suspicion of such mistake, if any, it cannot be, and ought not to be rectified. These statements were made over twenty years after the bond was executed.

The next step was made February 5, 1858, when Mr. Bakewell and wife executed a deed of warranty to the tract, the sole condition of which was:

"Provided, The Normal University, under the control of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, shall forever remain where now located."

And, finally, on February 9, 1860, Mr. Bakewell and wife executed another deed to the Board. Even if we should admit under the circumstances attending the execution and recording of this last deed, it ought not to be considered a binding instrument against Mr. Bakewell. But it contains a solemn statement to the effect that the condition in the former deed above quoted was the only one attending the gift.

Another fact we consider important. On May 15, 1857, the Executive Committee of the Board passed a resolution requiring a guaranty that \$70,000 should be paid the Board at certain times fixed by the resolution. The entire amount of the private subscriptions, including lands and all other kinds, was \$71,725. This does not include the subscription of lands by McLean County. This guaranty was signed, with many others, by Mr. Bakewell, who obligated himself by it to the extent of \$5,000, and provides for no other condition than that the institution should be located where it now is. If it should become material, we submit that it is worthy of consideration, whether or not supposing the original gift had been accepted upon the subscription paper, Mr. Bakewell could honorably assert it as against this guaranty.

That a man of Mr. Bakewell's intelligence should execute all these formal instruments, so far apart in time, and make so important mistakes in each of them, seems to your committee incredible.

Another consideration presents itself to your committee. This bond for a deed is now nearly thirty-seven years old. The decisions of the courts as to whether or not trustees or other fiduciaries have the right to waive the defence of the statute of limitations, as against beneficiaries, are not uniform. Many courts hold they can not. In any event, this should never be done, we respectfully submit, except in cases where the justice of the claim is clear and undoubted.

We have made this report long, so as to present the facts as far as we can determine them. This is the first time the claim has been presented to the Board upon the merits, and we have felt that perhaps the present members are not fully informed in respect to them.

In the opinion of your committee this claim has no merits, legal, moral or equitable, and that no court would decree a re-conveyance upon the merits. We, therefore, respectfully recommend that the petition of Mr. Bakewell be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DOOCY,
LYON KARR,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Gastman, seconded by Mr. Rosette, this report was adopted.

Mr. Karr offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Be it resolved by the State Board of Education, That if Edwin A. Bakewell and his wife will execute and deliver an absolute deed of conveyance to said State Board of Education for the 40 acres of land which Bakewell originally donated to the State Board of Education, said deed absolutely conveying to said Board all interests of equitable claim, remainder and reversion, this Board agrees that the rents derived for said tract of land shall be paid to said Bakewell and his said wife during the period of their natural lives.

The resolution was laid on the table.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance reported the following bills correct and requested that orders be drawn for their payment.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the current bills, begs leave to report they have examined the current bills and the vouchers accompanying, and we find the same to be correct, and we recommend that orders be drawn on the Treasurer for the respective amounts of said bills.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD DOOCY,
CHAS. L. CAPEN,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

CURRENT BILLS.

1	George H. Miller, supervising repairs	\$50 00
2	John T. Lillard, legal service	25 00
3	W. F. Wells, labor	6 55
4	John A. Carraway, labor	8 50
5	J. H. Jackson, labor	89 70
6	C. U. T. Co., telephone rent	60 00
7	Watson Stewart, labor	37 40
8	Public School Publishing Co., advertising	50 00
9	Sherman Hunt, labor	46 00

And it was so ordered, by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Green, Gastman, Kimbrough, Capen, Doocy, Karr, Walker, Parker, Rosette, Raab and Mrs. Young. Noes—None. Absent—Brady, Baily, Cook and Stolp.

Mr. Parker introduced the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the regular meetings of this Board be held on the third Wednesday of June and the first Wednesday of December.

Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Raab, the President and Secretary of the Board were directed to draw orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the third and fourth quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the University for the ensuing year, as they become due and payable, and that the Treasurer of the Board be authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds begs leave to report that the Board has sold to Frederick Fischer, since our last meeting, lot four of block eight, McClun's second addition to the city of Bloomington, for the sum of two hundred dollars, upon which the purchaser has paid the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars. By agreement, the Treasurer of the Board retains the deed, to be delivered upon payment of the remainder of the purchase money, March 15, 1894.

LYON KARR,
CHARLES L. CAPEN,
E. A. GASTMAN,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Rosette, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds was given time to report until the June meeting, 1894, on the claim of Mr. J. C. Glenn.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was instructed to investigate the tax claims to some lots belonging to the Board in the city of Bloomington and to adjust them.

Mr. Raab, chairman of the Committee on Text-books and Course of Instruction, moved that permission be given the teachers to try the various text-books proposed for introduction until June, 1894, and that in future a copy of each text-book be submitted to each member of the committee for examination. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and it was so ordered.

And the Board adjourned.

HENRY RAAB,
Secretary.

W. H. GREEN,
President.